

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE CANBERRA REX HOTEL, CANBERRA, A.C.T.

COMMENCING AT 8.30 A.M. 9TH MAY, 1985

17/85 PRESENT:

R.J.T. Bourne	(President)
N. Carruthers	(Vice President)
B. Powell	
P. Anderson	
D. Beaton	
R. Ison	
B. Macintosh	
B. Freeman	(Executive Officer)

18/85 IN ATTENDANCE:

A. Miller	E.O. Vic.
J. Simpson	E.O. Qld.
J. Grossman	Economist (NSW)
R. Sutherland	E.O. W.A.

19/85 WELCOME:

The Chairman opened the meeting and formally welcomed Councillors and their staff.

20/85 APOLOGIES:

O. Slattery
T. Drinkwater
H. McIntyre

21/85 RESIGNATION:

The meeting was advised of Mr. J. Rigby's resignation.

22/85 MINUTES:

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting had been prepared and sent out to Councillors prior to edit.

The following errors were identified:

Page 2 - 5/85 * Spelling of Mr. Silsbury's name.
* Mr. Poustie as Vice President

Page 4 - Third para. * Affiliate with the C.F.A. such as the I.C.O.

Page 6 - (iv) Farmer Co-operative Service
The Executive Officer in reply

- (iii) Mr. Drinkwater expressed very strong concern
on behalf of the Western Australian Chairman,
that

Further down same paragraph:

- He also said that any meetings

Page 7 - vi) b) That membership in the International
Raiffeisen Union be renewed

Page 8 - 9/85 (i) Second paragraph

In lieu of the above discussions, it was
suggested that State Federations give

Page 16 - 13/85 Financial Reports!

A request was made to include annual

with the above amendments.

Resolved:

"That with the inclusions of the above amendments, the Minutes and Report of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27th February, 1985, as previously circulated is hereby confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman."

23/85 BUSINESS ARISING:

Travel insurance: The Executive Officer advised that the Travel Insurance Policy has been amended to include alternate delegates. However, Executive Officers were not included as they should be covered by Workers' Compensation.

24/85 ACCECC '87:

The Executive Officer, Mr. Freeman, advised that the Conference/Sub Committee had met on two occasions to consider proposals for the World and National Conferences. The Committee resolved at its last meeting to submit the following recommendations to Councillors for adoption.

- i) "That following thorough investigations, it is the belief of C.F.A. that the proposed National and World Conferences are not viable projects."
- ii) "That the C.F.A. does not have the financial resources to underwrite any possible losses that may occur."
- iii) "That the C.F.A. withdraws all its support and disassociates itself from ACCECC '87."
- iv) "That this meeting recinds all previous motions (Nos.) relating to the National and World Conference and ACCECC '87."
- v) "That the Executive Officer write to all appropriate bodies, i.e. State and Federal Governments, A.N.Z. Bank, I.R.U., I.C.M.S. and advise them of the withdrawal of C.F.A. support from ACCECC '87, National and World Conferences."

A motion to adopt the above recommendations was moved and seconded but following lengthy discussions withdrawn.

Resolved:

- i) "That Mr. Anderson's nomination to represent the Western Australian Federation on Council be accepted."

Mr. Anderson advised that he would not vote on the above recommendations and that the records record his abstention.

- ii) "That a decision on whether or not the C.F.A. conducts a National and International Conference in Perth during the last week of January 1987 be deferred pending consideration by the CFWA of certain matters relating to funding."
- iii) "That the Sub Committee on receipt of the CFWA submission has the power to act on behalf of the Council in deciding the C.F.A.'s future involvement in ACCECC '87."
- iv) "That the Sub Committee report to the August Council Meeting on it's decision to enable Council to rescind or confirm previous resolutions relating to the National and International Conferences."

The Chairman submitted the following further recommendations of the Sub Committee on the Conferences:

- i) "That due to conflict of interest Tom Drinkwater's nomination to the I.C.A. and I.R.U. be rescinded to take effect immediately."
- ii) "That the three delegates to the I.C.A. be Messrs. Bourne, Macintosh and Freeman."
- iii) "That the I.C.A. be informed of the change and that Messrs. Bourne, Macintosh and Freeman are hereby authorised to attend the I.C.A. meeting in Washington."

The Chairman called for the motion to adopt the above recommendations. The motion was put and seconded.

Following discussions, the motion was withdrawn.

Resolved:

- v) "That a decision on C.F.A.'s delegates to the I.C.A. and I.R.U. be deferred for consideration by the Sub Committee in the same way as C.F.A.'s involvement in the National and World Conferences."

It was noted that the decisions of the Sub Committee on the proposed Conferences and the International delegates would be submitted to the August Council Meeting for ratification.

- vi) "That the Executive Officer, Mr. B. Freeman attend the I.C.A. meeting in Washington as a delegate of the C.F.A. at no cost to the C.F.A."
- vii) "That the C.F.A. supplies it's list of names and addresses of co-operatives to the Western Australian Federation."

25/85 RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CANBERRA TAX SUMMIT:

Resolved:

- i) "That the C.F.A. Council ratifies the actions and findings of the Tax Summits to date and commends the staff and panel for their contribution."
- ii) "That a letter of appreciation be sent to speakers at the Canberra Summit."
- iii) "That an amount of \$10,000 be allocated for expenditure on the tax issue between now and December, 1985."
- iv) "That to raise the \$10,000, a brief report on action to date be prepared and distributed to co-operatives throughout Australia so that membership can see how we have spent funds donated. Also they will see the need for a continuation of financial support."
- v) "That the Council congratulates the organisers of the Tax Summits for a job well done and of particular significance was the participation in Canberra of the Senior Politicians and guest speakers."
- vi) "That a brief summary of matters raised at the Canberra Summit be made for circulation to Councillors for consideration and adoption."
- vii) "That a promotional bulletin on taxation be prepared and sent out to co-operatives and that consultation be made with State Federation's prior to despatch."
- viii) "That a copy of our final tax submission be sent to all appropriate politicians and their departments."

Closure:

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their participation and formally closed the meeting.

Date:

Signed:
Chairman